

**Utah Statewide Immunization Information System (USIIS)  
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**\* Strengthening USIIS Management.** The USIIS Program will be moving from direct supervision in the Executive Director's Office to the Center for Health Data, Bureau of vital Records and Statistics to better support the USIIS implementation, operation, and long-term stability as of January 1, 2001. Dr. Barry Nangle, Vital Records Bureau Director, will oversee the USIIS project management. Wu Xu, will be the director for the Office of Health Care Statistics at the Data Center beginning January 1, 2001. She will continue to work part time for the USIIS until July 1, 2001. Scott Williams will still lead the project and stay close to it. Joe Nay, USIIS IT Programmer Analyst III, has been promoted as the new USIIS Technical Manager. Congratulations, Joe. Call Wu Xu, 801-538-7072.

**\* WebKIDS Moving to the State ITS Web Server.** The State of Utah Division of Information Technology Services will host the WebKIDS on their powerful Web server in December. Having tested for a month, USIIS staff are satisfied with the improved performance and stability of the WebKIDS on the ITS server. The new WebKIDS version has added functionality in historical data entry and CASA download. A notice to users about using the ITS WebKIDS will be sent out one week before the effective date. Call Sandra Schulthies, 538-6114.

**\* HEDIS Data Collection.** A new computer procedure has been developed and used for matching immunization records for health plans to manage their immunization data for the HEDIS report. In the past, this task was performed by the Office of Health Care Statistics. Call Joe Nay, 538-7008.

**\* Quality Improvement.** Recent implementation of data quality checking has revealed that USIIS has received incomplete data from a few large participating organizations. A data quality control project has been set up to assure the accuracy and completeness of the data transactions. Continued investigation and communication with data sources will be necessary to solve the issues. Call Sandra Schulthies, 538-6114.

**\* New Enrollment.** USIIS enrolled three more public health clinics in the registry. They include: Beaver, Kanab, and Panguitch clinics in the Southwest Utah Public Health Department. Call Christine Perfili, 538-6185.

**\* Historical data download.** USIIS hired Mr. Michael Archuleta as a consultant. He will help the clinics that are USIIS users and use the billing system of Companion Technologies (formerly MegaWest) to download their historical immunization records to the USIIS database. Call Joe Nay, 538-7008.

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